



Committee on City Property

November 13, 2007 – 6:00 pm – **Agenda**
Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber, Room 213

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1. Communication, Patrick J. Sullivan, Director, Community Development to Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson, City Property Committee, re: Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, for the redevelopment of vacant and distressed properties: The Civil Defense Building (109 Hillman Street), the Fire Repair Station (1558 Purchase Street), and The Former Ingraham School (80 Rivet Street). (Ref'd 3/21/07, letter to Patrick Sullivan to draft RFP's, and present them at the next City Property meeting – 3/29/07, **tabled to October meeting** - 9/17/07)

INVITEES: Patrick Sullivan, Community Development Director; Debra Travers, Purchasing Agent; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel

2. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, that the City Property Committee look into the possibility of creating a provision that when lots are sold through the Abutter Lots Program that the lot would have to be properly maintained at all times by the new owners and if not maintained the City could then reclaim the land. Several lots sold through the Abutter Lots Program have not been maintained and are neighborhood eyesores. (Ref'd 1/28/99, tabled 3/28/00)

INVITEES: Ronald Durgin, Commissioner DIS; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel

3. Communication, Conservation Agent Porter, to Treasurer Fernandes-Abbott regarding the Bettencourt Parcel Tax Possession, Plot 125, Lot 71, New Plainville Road. (Ref'd 9/11/07)

INVITEES: Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent; R. Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Treasurer; Attorney Blair Bailey, Tax Title; Peter Barney, Adm. Assistant/Board of Assessors; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel

4. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, on behalf of Thaddeus and Leslie Baszak, 1055 Cherokee Street, requesting that a portion of Morton Avenue, from it's intersecting with June Street, be DISCONTINUED. (Ref'd 8/18/05)

INVITEES: Ron Labelle, DPI Commissioner; Peter Barney, Adm. Assistant/Board of Assessors; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel

5. Communication, Debra L. Travers, Purchasing Agent, to City Council, submitting list of items deemed surplus from the School Department, City Solicitor and the DPI. (Ref'd 12/21/06, Letter requesting Purchasing agent submit a detailed list including the value of property for the next meeting on April 23, 2007 – 3/29/07)

INVITEES: Debra Travers, Purchasing Agent; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel

6. Communication, Debra L. Travers, Purchasing Agent, to the City Council, submitting list detailing surplus property from MIS and Police Departments. (Ref'd 2/22/07, Letter requesting Purchasing agent submit a detailed list including the value of property for the next meeting– 3/29/07)

INVITEES: Debra Travers, Purchasing Agent; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwadowski, Legal Counsel

7. Petition, Councillor Rogers, that in accordance with Section 2-104(d) and (a) of the City Code, that the City Treasurer is hereby requested to transfer to the City Property Committee the Pierce Mill land so-called, being plot 93/220 and plot 99/81, since such land is needed for municipal purposes. (Ref'd 12/20/01)

INVITEES: R. Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Treasurer; Attorney Blair Bailey, Tax Title; Peter Barney, Adm. Assistant/Board of Assessors; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwadowski, Legal Counsel

8. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Council President Saunders requesting that the City Property Committee dispose of the Pierce Mill Lot on Bellville Avenue for Park Purposes as soon as possible. (Ref'd 1/24/02)

INVITEES: R. Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Treasurer; Attorney Blair Bailey, Tax Title; Peter Barney, Adm. Assistant/Board of Assessors; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwadowski, Legal Counsel

9. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Mayor Kalisz regarding the development of the so-called Pierce Mill Site into a full-blown playground and park. (Ref'd 2/28/02)

INVITEES: R. Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Treasurer; Attorney Blair Bailey, Tax Title; Peter Barney, Adm. Assistant/Board of Assessors; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwadowski, Legal Counsel

10. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that Plot 124C, Lot 6 be considered for possible auction and sale of land; and that this matter be referred to the Committee on City Property. (Ref'd 4/10/03)

INVITEES: Attorney Blair Bailey, Tax Title; Peter Barney, Adm. Assistant/Board of Assessors; Attorney Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwadowski, Legal Counsel

Chair suggests "Receive and Place on File" the following item:

11. Communication, George Karousos, Oceanna Restaurant, regarding purchasing the former Civil Defense Building with intentions of restoring the property with a mixed-use business purpose. (Ref'd 9/12/02, rpf 3/29/07)

Chairperson suggests "No Further Action" on the following matters:

12. Written Motion, Councillor Smith, that the Order adopted by the City Council on April 10, 1997 and approved by the Mayor on April 14, 1997 authorizing the acceptance of a deed from Stella Dages for property on Upton and Ayer Streets be and hereby is Rescinded due to several problems with the deed as pointed out by the Law Department. (Ref'd 5/6/97)

13. Communication, Jane Medeiros Friedman, Associate Solicitor, submitting an Option, Agreement and Deed to the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority for the former Elco Dress property, as shown as Lot 261 on City Assessor's Plan 98. This option shall expire on March 31, 2002, unless extended with the approval of the Mayor and City Council. (Ref'd 4/26/01)
14. Communication, Jane Medeiros, Associate Solicitor, to the City Council, submitting for approval an Order authorizing the Mayor and the City Property Committee Chairman to execute an Easement to Commonwealth Electric, on behalf of the City. The proposed easement is for electric service for the new Aerovox facility, located at the former Tallyrand site. (Ref'd 4/26/01)
15. ORDER, that in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth in a Grant of Easement, attached hereto, between the City of New Bedford and the Commonwealth Electric Company, the Mayor and the City Property Chairman are hereby authorized to execute an easement for electric service on a portion of Lot 2 on Assessor's Plan #135. (Ref'd 4/26/01)
16. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Mayor Kalisz re: the so-called Keystone Building as a Parking Lot. (Ref'd 7/19/01)
17. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Mayor Kalisz regarding the City's willingness to transfer the land on Hathaway Road and the building that is now occupied by Star Seat Cover, which is somewhat problematic. (Ref'd 2/14/02)
18. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Mayor Kalisz, regarding City Property on Brook Street adjacent to Seaside Towing. (Ref'd 3/13/03)
19. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Council Property Committee inquire into the vacant lots on Cotter Street, as to whether they are entitled to be and/or could be available for sale to the area property owners to alleviate parking congestion and traffic problems on Coggeshall Street. (Ref'd 3/13/03, letter to Matt Thomas 4/30/03 awaiting response)
20. Written Motion, Councillor Rogers, requesting that the City Property Committee meet with Andre Fournier of 59 Austin Street, and proper Officials of the City Solicitor's Office and the Building Department, being Bob Thatcher and Matt Thomas, or his designee, to ascertain how certain properties owned by Mr. Fournier were taken from him without due process and to determine further why his bid for variance to allow him to sell the Willis Street property to put it into beneficial use is being blocked by parties unknown; and further, to determine how it is that the former Saks property on Purchase Street is being allowed to be used by a car dealer without Mr. Fournier's permission, the land never having been processed through Land Court, according to Mr. Fournier. (Ref'd 7/17/03)
21. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Council City Property Committee investigate if the City of New Bedford is the owner of the vacant lot at the corner of Coffin Avenue and North Front Street, and that they consider a request from neighboring business, Robert Commercial Construction, 390 North Front Street, to purchase the property in an effort to expand their business activities in New Bedford, in light of the fact that the Company has been cleaning and maintaining the said property for the past few years to ensure that it does not become an eyesore to the neighborhood. (Ref'd 5/13/04, tabled 4/21/05 until M.T. gets back to the committee on this issue)

***THE NEXT CITYPROPERTYMEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007***